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Welcome the DRAFT PARTY PROGRAM

Working men and women of the United States, rise up and wage the class struggle!
Rise up as an army to fight for the dictatorship of the proletariat!

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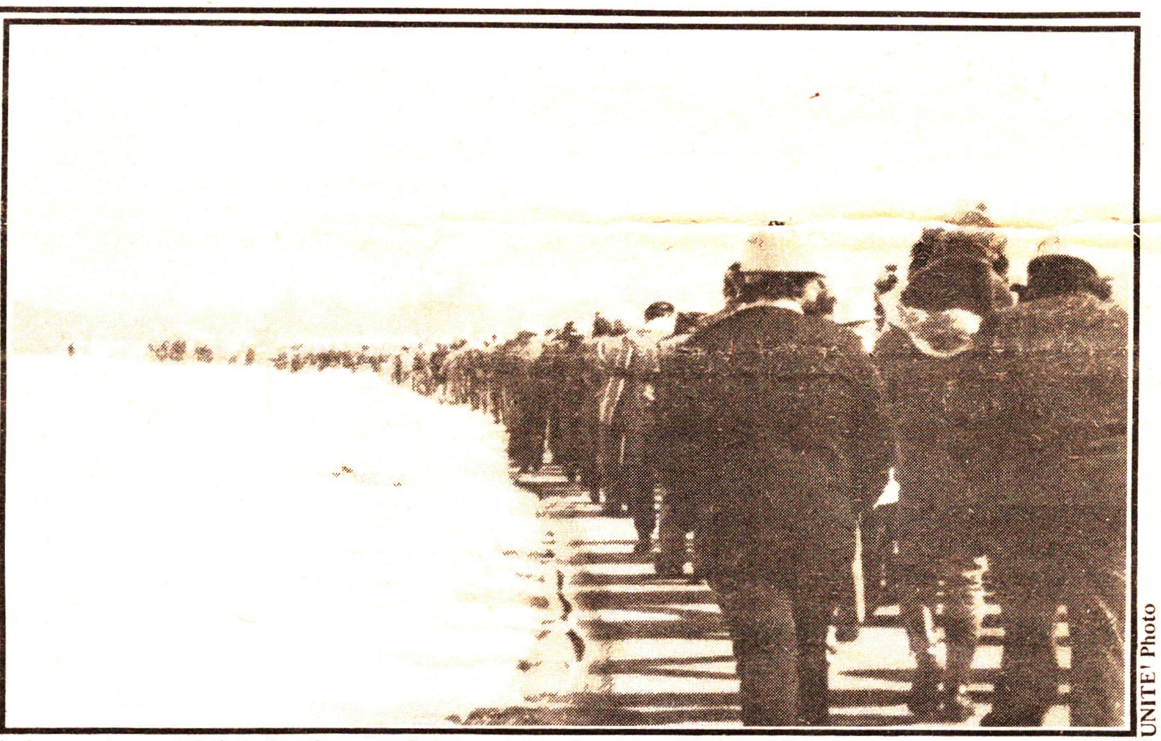
Carter Threatens Armed Take-Over in Coalfields

Miners Battle to Defend Basic Rights of All Workers



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Indiana miners and their families march in memory of murdered brother John Hull The 12-week old coal strike, more than any recent struggle, indicates that miners are rejecting the treachery of the UMWA bureaucrats Despite the full wrath of the capitalist class, miners are militantly opposing attacks on their health, safety, and right to strike This battle is a crucial test for the entire working class

Stand with the Miners!

On February 25, President Carter announced a tentative agreement between the UMWA and the Bituminous Coal Operators' Association (BCOA) to end the 12-week old coal strike Both Carter and UMWA President Arnold Miller urged rank and file miners to ratify the pact quickly Carter backed up his appeal with the threat of legal and/or military action against the miners if they don't accept the agreement

The proposed agreement stands everything on its head It doesn't meet the demands of the miners Both Carter and Miller have made much of the 37% wage increase and other economic benefits the agreement offers But the miners' strike is not and never was primarily over wages The miners demand full restoration of their health and retirement benefits financed by the companies instead of by production royalties They demand the right to strike over local issues and they demand higher wages The massive wildcats of the last three years were sparked precisely by the cumbersome grievance procedure instituted in the 1974 contract and the companies' suspension of health and pension payments

In contrast, the proposed agreement includes provisions to ban local strikes, suspend and fine the leadership of wildcats, and require miners–for the first time in 30 years – to pay part of their hospital, doctor and prescription costs Meanwhile, Carter has promised to set up a commission to "find answers to" the problems of health, safety and "stable productivity "

Miller refused to go to the coalfields himself to muster support for ratification He knows his number is up among the rank and file and he's afraid he might never get back to Washington alive He sent the Bargaining Council and the regional and district officers out to convince the miners and threatened the union officials to "do their jobs" or "face the wrath of the international officers and the UMW International Executive Board "

But the miners are standing firm in the face of the most vicious attack the working class has suffered in years They have consistently made it clear they intend to stay out as long as it takes to get what they need Miners have been murdered in this struggle Thousands more will die in cave ins, explosions and accidents if the strike is broken Still others will suffer and die with the gnawing agony of Black Lung This is common knowledge in mining towns, where the experience of past battles unites miners to fight for their rights, their lives and the future

In September, Miller promised the miners "We will do everything in our power to negotiate a contract you will be glad to ratify " But this contract shows when Miller acts, it is only to surrender more workers' rights He has bargained away the right to strike, to safe and healthy working conditions, and to a fair wage, after having already sabotaged the miners' urgent need to be organized into one industry wide union

As a result, miners have demonstrated and petitioned, demanding that Miller resign Tens of thousands of signatures have been gathered, demanding an immediate election for new union leadership

Meanwhile, the strike is slowly bringing the U S economy to a standstill With each passing day, the strike threatens to close down every other major industry Steel, auto and rubber have already begun to layoff

The determination of the miners, their refusal to be "disciplined" by the bourgeoisie, is throwing a wrench in the bourgeoisie's plans to expand coal production by two thirds by 1985

The capitalists are getting desperate They know that their normal recourse, the Taft Hartley Act will have little impact in stopping the strike In fact, it has failed three times in past coal strikes To crush the strike the bourgeoisie knows it will have to rely on armed might

Troops have been used in the coalfields before to break strikes and protect scabs The bourgeoisie will attempt to use them again National Guardsmen are already being used to escort scab coal

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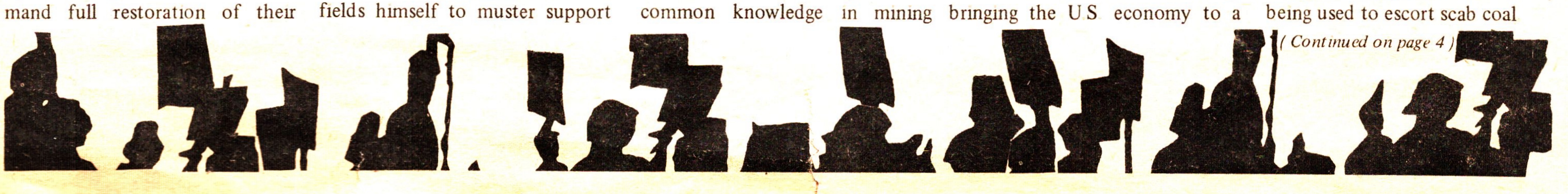

Editorials

Stand with the Miners at Front Line of Struggle

The capitalists are preparing to intensify their full scale attack on a major section of the working class, the striking coal miners There is an immediate danger of the coal fields being turned into a bloody battlefield if the miners reject this contract

The miners have no choice, they must reject this latest sell-out To work under such a contract would lead to sure death for many miners in the years to come (See Coal Strike article page 1)

The capitalists know they must break this strike They know the miners' example of militant resistance challenges their rule This strike, more than any other recent struggle, shows that miners are rejecting the treacherous class collaborationist policies of the trade union bureaucrats, and militantly opposing the increasing attacks of the capitalists The capitalists know if they are able to crush this leading section of the workers movement, then they will be in a better position to increase their assaults on all other workers Steelworkers, autoworkers, rubber workers, meat packers all workers will suffer if the miners are defeated This is why the capitalists want to crush the miners' strike This is why the entire working class must come forward and militantly defend these class brothers and sisters

The coal strike represents a real threat to the capitalist class It brings home the reality that it is the working class who produces all the wealth in the country, and despite all the modern technology and armed might of the capitalists, they can do nothing without us It confirms in the minds of workers across the country the knowledge that with the correct leadership and organization, we will have the ability to bring this rotten system of wage slavery to its knees

This is a class war It is not just a struggle between the miners and Peabody Coal or U S Steel It is a battle between the entire capitalist class and the entire working class

We refuse to allow the capitalists to use their age old ploy of dividing our ranks We will not allow threats of layoffs or power cut backs to turn us against the miners

The demands of the miners are many of the same demands of the entire working class All workers must support other workers who are fighting for better working conditions, the right to have adequate numbers of elected safety committeemen and the right to strike

We all must demand a contract which meets the demands of the miners We must oppose troops in the coal fields whether it is to mine the coal or to protect scab miners We demand an end to troops escorting scab coal trucks

In every union and shop in this country, workers must mobilize to come out in full support of the striking miners We must close our ranks around them and come to their immediate defense

We must let the capitalists know if they send troops into the coal mines and attempt to break the miners' strike, they will face the full wrath of the entire working class

Workers and Oppressed People of the United States Defend the Striking Miners!

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To the Working Class and Oppressed People of the U.S.

With great honor the Marxist Leninist Organizing Committee submits to the entire working class and oppressed peoples of this country the **Draft Party Program**

For many years the working class movement has felt the lack of such a Program and a lack of leadership that only a vanguard communist party can provide But now with the publication of the **Draft Party Program**, the glorious reconstitution of the Party of the U S working class can be seen on the horizon

We call on all working and oppressed people to take up this fighting Program for study, discussion, use, criticism and adoption It is through this process that we will fine tune the Program in preparation for adoption at the Founding Congress

This Program is our declaration of war on our mortal enemy, the bourgeoisie This proclamation will resound across the huge expanse of this country, as class fighters in city and countryside rally to the banner of the Party

Working men and women, follow the road set out by this Program! It "is the road of class struggle, victory over the bourgeoisie and its collaborators and the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat, socialism and communism "

All who unite with this Program, help build the Party! Take up this Program and test it in the heat of the class struggle!

"Workers of all nationalities, oppressed nations and national minorities, small farmers and revolutionary people of the United States, unite in the struggle against the bourgeoisie! Build the Communist Party USA (Marxist Leninist) and follow the lead of the proletariat and its Party on the road of socialist revolution and liberation!"

On To The Founding Congress!

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Letters to the Editor

☐ Allis Chalmers Workers Praise UNITE! Article on Incentives

Dear comrades and friends,

The article "Steelworkers Exploited by Incentives" in the December **UNITE!** was well appreciated and understood by workers at Allis Chalmers in Harvey, Illinois

There is such an incentive system for many workers at our plant We know first hand of extra profits produced for the company and of the disunity and unsafe working conditions maintained over the workers by such things as the incentive system

From this we arrived at the fact that the incentive system is just one symptom of a major illness Part of this illness is the fact that our union's local bureaucrats are controlled by the company They stab us in the back time and again, such as recently when our last contract expired in late 1977 We struck for three weeks but the strike proved fruitless thanks to the bureaucrats' sell out

We need stronger local union control to deal with local problems We need to replace our union officials with people who won't sell you out at the toss of a coin We need a strong international that will back the locals, but we'll have to get rid of the present international bureaucratic scum that don't do anything for us. The way it is now, it is easy for the companies to control the union

We see clearly the need for "new types" of organization not only at the union local, but right here on the shop floor

We look forward to future issues of **UNITE!** and other genuinely communist literature to help facilitate our struggle

A group of workers,
Harvey, Illinois

☐ Women's Demands Raised at District 31 USWA Conference

Dear Comrades,

Recently we attended the first Women s Conference of District 31 of the United Steel Workers of America (USWA) It was exciting to see close to 200 women from mills small and large throughout the District gathered together in multi national unity to really discuss the special problems of women in steel However, it was nonetheless clear that this was just another example of tokenism, serving only to build the prestige of District Director James Balanoff, a crony of Ed Sadlowski

The union, not surprisingly, put forward the line that the solution to women's problems and all problems in the mill is to become active in your local union The various opportunist and revisionist forces at the Conference, spearheaded by the class collaborationist Communist Party USA, were hardly better, advocating reform through congressional legislation In addition, the CPUSA was also the main proponent of the creation of advisory Women's Commissions throughout the union structure These Commissions would have no actual power, and would serve merely as a means for the CPUSA to entrench itself in the union This would allow them to take over the union leadership for their own benefit

But the growing level of class struggle and women steelworkers' understanding that the current union structure and bureaucracy are not the answer to women's oppression in the mills is clear There was sharp struggle over the questions of federal funding for childcare, ending the probation period, the right to ratify the contract and the right to strike And the revisionist CPUSA's resolution on the creation of Women's Commissions was progressively amended to call for the establishment of Women's Committees in all locals, committees with the same contractual status and rights to bargain with management as the existing Civil Rights committees

We strongly support the establishment of strong Women's Committees in the local unions that are officially recognized and controlled by the rank and file, with democratically elected leadership These committees must fight not only for all questions concerning the special oppression and special needs of women workers, but should also take an active role in the struggles for greater union democracy, the right to ratify, the right to strike, and ultimately, in fighting for real working class control of the union Without these rights any hope of achieving the demands of women in the USWA are mere reformist illusions! Build strong Women's Committees now!

Comrades in District 31

☐ Contributions Build UNITE!

Dear **UNITE!**,

Sorry, am now unemployed so cannot become sustainer at current time Please accept this ($20) and continue my subscription Can afford no more right now

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Editor s Note Around the country employed and unemployed workers and friends are helping to build the newspaper of the working class Contributions and sustainers play a crucial role in building the financial base of **UNITE!** We urge more **UNITE!** supporters to become sustainers

Celebrate International Women's Day!

Working Class Fights for the Full Emancipation of Women

The mountain moving day is coming
I say so yet others doubt
Only a while the mountain sleeps
In the past
All mountains moved in fire
Yet you may not believe it
Oh Man this alone believe
All sleeping women
Now awake and move

Yosano Akiko
People s Republic
of Guinea

111 years ago, 20,000 garment workers, largely women, marched through the streets of New York demanding an end to brutal working conditions This began the glorious tradition of International Women's Day

This day is an important working class holiday when the advances toward the emancipation of women are celebrated As well it is a day when the entire working class and progressive people around the world resolutely demand an end to the brutal exploitation and oppression of women

Here in the United States, working and oppressed women are in the forefront of class struggle The recent strike at the Essex Wire Plant in Elwood, Indiana was an inspiration to the working class, as women workers took up the gun to defend their right to better working conditions The brave struggles of JoAnn Little, Yvonne Wanrow and Inez Garcia are strong examples of women who will not lie down in the face of brutal assaults on themselves and their families

There are countless examples of this fighting spirit of working and oppressed women in this country There is little wonder that each and every day, more and more women come to the fore of the struggle Exploitation and oppression under capitalism necessitate that working and oppressed women stand up and fight

The very degeneration of capitalism means greater exploitation of the working class As each working family knows too well, it is extremely difficult to provide for a family on one person's wage This has meant that a growing number of women must find work outside the home But this has not been an easy task

As the army of the unemployed swells, women are among the last hired Everywhere they turn, women face discrimination in hiring except, of course, in the lowest paying jobs Wages and working conditions are outrageous for women workers, whether in electronics, garment, housekeeping or clerical work $4 00 an hour is considered low pay for a male worker, but for women it is high As for benefits, they are scarce Women consistently have no maternity benefits and lose all seniority when they take a leave of absence for child birth

Although women are forced to work in order to maintain their families, they are faced with the extremely difficult task of finding any, let alone adequate, childcare Often times the bulk of their wages is spent on this necessary service

On the streets and in the home women are subject to violent physical assault Wife beating and rape are on the rise as society further degenerates

Working and oppressed women, plagued with economic difficulties and poor methods of birth control, are often forced to turn to abortion as their only alternative For every two births, one abortion takes place And now the capitalists are undercutting the right to safe abortions Once more, poor and working women are faced with having to turn to butchers for this operation.

A Revolutionary Program

The anger and determination of women is rising They demand a revolutionary program which will take up the fight for these day to-day struggles of women as an integral part of the fight against the sources of their exploitation and oppression – capitalism

The women's movement lacks conscious leadership This must and will be overcome Working and oppressed women know full well that the petty-bourgeois reformist program which separates the women's movement from the class struggle is reactionary Recognizing the special task the Party has to the working and oppressed women of this country, the **Draft Party Program** includes the special demands of women.

> "The right of women to equality in work, pay, holidays, education, and all social and political acitivity The right to be free from rape, violence, pornography or other chauvinist and degenerate assaults on women "
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> "Full compensation for maternity leave one month prior to childbirth, full compensation with leave for either parent for two months after childbirth Free childcare on a 24 hour basis "
>
> "Free and safe abortions upon request Free distribution of safe methods of birth control An end to forced sterilization "

These special demands are put forward in the **Draft Party Program** in order to improve the day-to day lives of working class women, so that they will be in a better position to actively prepare and fight for the overthrow of the capitalist system It is only through socialist revolution that the position of women can drastically change We can see this most clearly by taking a look at the position of women in socialist Albania

Starting from the Marxist-Leninist understanding that the basis for women's oppression is their exclusion from socialized production, Albania has made great strides in all areas of work Today 42% of the labor force is made up of women Only a very small percentage, less than 10% do not take part in socialized labor

Women also play an extremely important role in the government of Albania Women comprise 33 3% of the People's Assembly And women are the leaders of 41% of all mass organizations such as the trade unions

In the Albanian Constitution there is a special article on the rights of women

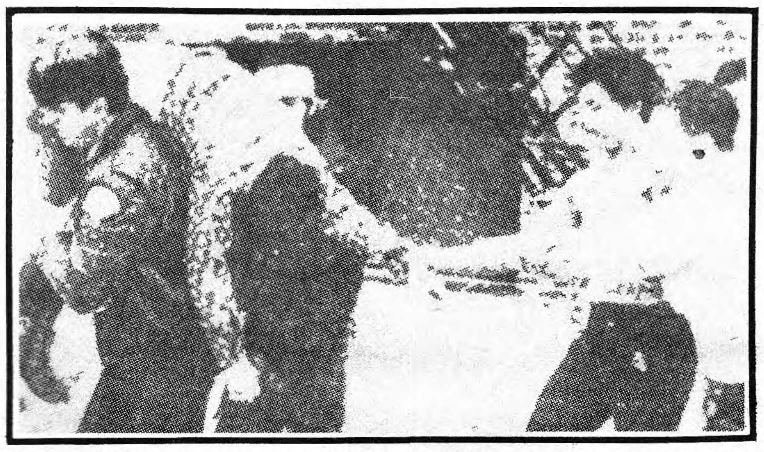
"The woman, liberated from political oppression and economic exploitation, is a great force of the revolution, takes an active part in the socialist construction of the country and the defense of the homeland

The woman enjoys equal rights with man in work, pay, holidays, social security, education, in all social political activity as well as in the family " (Constitution of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania, p 22)

Around the world, from Albania to Azania, Chile to the United States, women are standing on the front lines fighting against all forms of exploitation and oppression This participation of women class fighters is an absolute requirement for the victory of the revolutionary struggle of the working class

On this International Women's Day, we hold high the banner of exploited and oppressed women of the world

**Fight For the
Full Emancipation of Women!**



Worker, killed by poisonous hydrogen sulfide gas, being carried from Horween tannery in Chicago Eight were killed and dozens injured

Unsafe Conditions Kill 8 in Tannery Explosion

Chicago, Illinois – Just before a shift change at the Horween Leather Company on February 14, a trucker pulled in with a load of sodium hydrosulfide He was given the okay to unload it through an intake valve into a vat of chrome liquor The resulting mixture released deadly hydrogen sulfide gas, a close relative of hydrogen cyanide, the gas used to execute prisoners in the gas chamber Eight workers were killed and 36 others were hospitalized from inhaling the toxic fumes.

This "accident" should not have happened No measures were taken by the Horween Company to prevent the fatal chemicals from being mixed

Two similar accidents claimed nine lives since 1971 In both cases the wrong chemicals were mixed, producing poisonous gas After the 1975 incident at the Prime Tanning Co in Milwaukee, the National Transportation Safety Board made these "recommendations"

> Tanneries should be required to identify clearly with signs what chemicals were to be piped into what valves
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> Employers should train truck drivers and plant employees to avoid delivery mix ups
>
> Tanneries should compartmentalize their facilities to limit the spread of toxic gases if they are released

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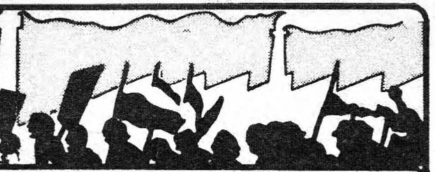

Shop Paper Comes Out in Three Languages

Chicago, Illinois – In February, comrades and friends at the Kropp Forge published the second issue of the **Red Forge** with an important change it was printed in three languages – English, Spanish and Italian

The **Red Forge** is a shop paper of the Marxist Leninist Organizing Committee

The lead article "Demand Equality of Languages!" points out, "About 35 % of Kropp's employees speak mainly Italian or Spanish and read little or no English Yet just think of the important things that are printed in English only! The union contract, the job bids, notices, the company paper, and union meeting announcements to name a few How can those of us who are Italians have an equal chance for a job bid that's printed in English only? And how can the union leaders possibly represent those of us who are Spanish when we aren't able to read the contract?"

The article goes on to demand that all materials published by the company and the union be printed in all three languages

While only half of the articles are in all three languages in this issue, still this represents a big step forward The first issue appeared in English and Spanish only

UNITE! commends the spirit of proletarian internationalism and perseverence of the comrades and friends at Kropp Forge for leading the way in step by step breaking down the barriers between the workers and building concrete multi national unity in the struggle against the capitalists and the union bureaucrats

THE RED FORGE

Logo from Krop Forge Shop Paper

Workers at Largest Chinese Daily Win Union

San Francisco, Calif – Printing workers at the "Chinese Times" recently won collective bargaining rights by a 17 to 4 vote Located in San Francisco's Chinatown, the "Chinese Times" is the largest Chinese language daily newspaper in the U S

Negotiations for a contract are now in progress between Graphic Arts International Local 280 and the owners

Wages at the "Chinese Times" are very low While typesetters in the large printing companies outside of Chinatown get as much as $11 50 an hour, at the "Chinese Times" they get less than $3 00 an hour Hours are long and the work week is six and sometimes seven days Benefits are few and poor, and there is no pension plan

The Chinese workers of Chinatown typically work in small, non-union shops They are exploited and oppressed not only by the rest of the U S capitalist class, but also by the capitalists of their own nationality

The struggle of these printing workers is an example of how the struggles for the democratic rights of national minorities are increasingly fusing with the class struggle of the multi-national U S. working class

Local Union Officials Rob Strikers

Hammond, Indiana – **UNITE!** has frequently condemned the leaders of the unions who consistently side with the capitalist class against the working class Their outright treachery is manifested not only when they sell out the workers' struggles, it is also expressed in their selfish corruption

Striking workers of United Steel Workers Local 1834 discovered in mid February that their local officials have been robbing the strike fund to the tune of $100,000 The local's treasurer, Leonard Silwa, has resigned, and now faces both union and criminal charges

Local 1834 is one of five Steelworker locals in four states who have been on strike against the Pullman Standard Company since October 1, 1977 Some time ago the local funds were depleted and the International allocated money to cover strike costs But no picket duty pay has been forthcoming since the middle of January Meanwhile, strikers have had to just about plead with the local officials to get the money that's due them for paying fuel, food and other bills

Not only have 1800 workers been directly robbed, but their strike has been undermined and they have been brought under direct surveillance of all kinds of high level agents of the capitalist class

The International Union has stepped in, suspended all local officers, and officially taken over the local Given the reactionary character of the present top leadership of the USWA, it is not a good thing to have them meddling in the affairs of any local union, especially during a strike

In addition, the secret police agents of the state are snooping around now too The FBI has entered the case, and the Internal Revenue Service may come in as well

It is clear it is impossible for workers to effectively fight the capitalists while also saddled with "leaders" who aggressively work to undermine the strength and struggles of the workers

The greed and corruption of these Local officials goes beyond the question of their individual character It is representative of a whole stratum of leeches in the working-class movement Bureaucracy, opportunism and corruption are all bourgeois behavior It can only serve the capitalists, whether it is through escorting scabs across picket lines, negotiating away workers' rights or stealing strike funds

The workers are not sure when they will get the money they have coming, and ask that donations be sent to the International office in District 31, specifying that the money is for Local 1834

The struggle against opportunism is the pivot of our tactics in the trade union movement!

Tannery Explosion...

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The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) pointed out after the incident here that few of these recommendations have been followed by tannery owners

This so called accident which the capitalists are trying to blame on the mistake of a single worker is out and out criminal negligence by the owner and the federal government The capitalists do not give a damn about the lives of their employees They would rather lose a few lives than take necessary safety measures or install equipment to contain poisonous gases released in workplaces

The federal government is also to blame for not forcing factory owners to install equipment to protect lives or to even regularly inspect workplaces for hazardous conditions OSHA never moves until some tragedy occurs Even then they only fine the owners, who will still usually refuse to correct the problem This is understandable since the capitalists control the government

This latest incident points out the collaboration of the union bureaucrats They did not organize the workers to demand that either the company take safety precautions or else the workers would stop production

Workers demand safe and healthy working conditions But the rank and file must gain control of the unions to ensure that the trade union bureaucrats, who don't have to work in unsafe conditions, don't sell out their interests.

All the necessary precautions against mixing dangerous chemicals must be taken, including having someone from the plant supervise the unloading of chemicals The families of the slain workers must be given full compensation – wages equal to what the dead workers would have earned in their lifetime, paid by the company All workers must be ensured the right to leave unsafe work areas ★

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UMWA brothers on way to memorial meeting in Winslow, Indiana for miner John Hull murdered by company thugs

Memorials Held for Slain Indiana Miner

"When he believed in something,
He believed in it all the way "
John Hull
Jan 1, 1945 – Feb 3, 1978

Winslow, Indiana – As power companies cry about decreasing stockpiles and appeal for power cutbacks, the "heat" continues to increase on striking coal miners, as their struggle for a just contract turns into a bloody battle against the coal operators

On February 3, at the Bowersock strip mine in Indiana, 50 professional strikebreakers fired 500 rounds of M14 and M16 ammunition into a picket of 35 miners for four minutes, killing one miner, John Hull Teegarden, who runs this eleven-man mine and eleven other scab mines in Southern Indiana, had planned the ambush ever since 500 miners stormed his coal loading dock in Rockport, Indiana weeks before Nobody has been held reponsible for the death, as the government and the courts continue to protect the interests of the ruling class against union activity

Thousands of UMWA miners, their wives and children, attended memorial services and marches in Illinois and Indiana, mourning the death of John Hull Many said it could have been themselves who died for the union cause Robert Edney, the eulogy speaker and union brother, pointed out that if miners had known John was wounded and returned to help him, it could easily have turned into another Ludlow Massacre Marching miners felt even stronger and more resolved, that with this death, the coal operators will be defeated Many are preparing for this strike to be the bloodiest in UMWA history

Miners are determined to stand up for their rights to full health and pension coverage, safety procedures, and the right to wildcat Their task has become increasingly difficult as the operators, government and bourgeois press attack their strength and solidarity As each day passes, however, more and more coal miners express the will to achieve the dignity and just demands they have historically fought for and rightfully deserve ★

Coal Strike...

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In defending their rights, the miners are fighting for all workers Steelworkers, for example, know from their own experience what this attack on the miners means U S Steel is one of the largest mine owners in the country, and has taken the lead within the BCOA insisting that the miners knuckle under to the industry's demands

U S Steel has already forced "labor peace" on steelworkers with the ENA(Experimental Negotiating Agreement), which bans strikes Now it wants to deprive the miners of the right to strike as well Steelworkers know that not having the right to strike has crippled their struggle

The entire working class must recognize this trend for what it is – a capitalist campaign to strip them of their rights and means of struggle Workers in all industries must stop this attack here and turn it around Steelworkers, unorganized miners, workers in every industry, stand with the miners!

Resolutions from the First Congress of the Marxist-Leninist Organizing Committee

The following four resolutions were unanimously adopted at the First Congress of the Marxist Leninist Organizing Committee, and are available as pamphlets for $ 05 each

- **Resolution on the Trade Unions**
- **Resolution on the Labor Aristocracy and Trade Union Bureaucrats**
- **Resolution on the Black National Question**
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Four Die Needlessly at U S Steel Gary Works

A Death Trap for Steelworkers

Gary, Indiana – Whether buried in coal dust, decapitated by a crane hook, rolled into a sheet metal finishing line, pinned under a tractor, scalded in an acid tank or burned in an explosion, according to the management of Gary Works, steelworkers are to blame

These are just six of the many accidents that have occurred at Gary Works in the past year Four of these accidents resulted in death Even though the company owns the machinery and organizes and directs production, they refuse to accept responsibility for these accidents and instead blame them on the individual workers

Although the company makes a great show of concern for health and safety, when it comes right down to it they say if there is a contradiction between safety and production, production comes first Time after time when a worker points out safety hazards the response of the company is "Work the job or go home without pay " Some choice!

Union Leaders Follow Company Lead

Whenever there is a safety problem the union misleaders tell the workers to use Section 14-C of the contract 14-C says workers can file a grievance on unsafe working conditions and/or ask to be relieved from the job However, if workers encourage other workers to refuse the unsafe job all 14-C rights are made null and void and the individual workers will be charged with creating a work stoppage

14-C is in complete harmony with the company's policy on health and safety By telling workers to use 14-C, the union bureaucrats place the responsibility for health and safety on the individual worker

The bureaucrats refuse to organize workers to fight for safe working conditions They refuse to demand that production be stopped until the safety hazard is removed These misleaders also encourage workers to work in unsafe jobs "under protest" and then later file a grievance But what good does working under protest do if a worker is killed or seriously injured?

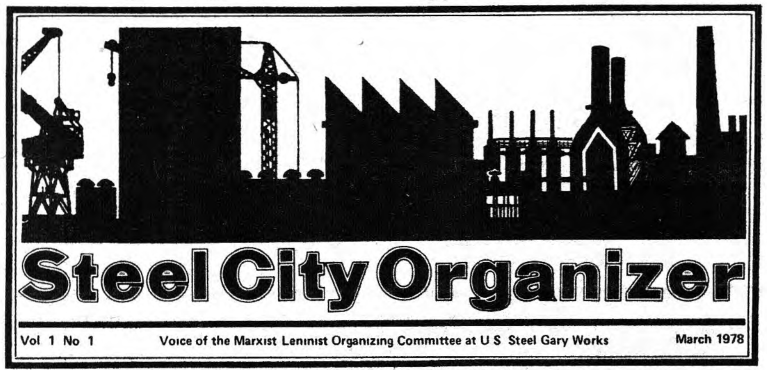
These bureaucrats will not fight for the health and safety of the workers because it would jeopardize their own soft jobs and extra money This cozy arrangement between the bureaucrats and the capitalists has been made at the expense of the limbs and lives of the workers

We Need Rank-and-File Control Over Working Conditions

All workers must demand safe working conditions controlled by a democratically-elected union safety committee This committee must have safety representatives in every department on every shift When the company refuses to correct unsafe conditions, the safety representative must have the power to stop production until the hazard is corrected As well, individual workers must have the right to refuse to do any work which they believe is unsafe

These are demands which workers across the country are fighting for Right now, health and safety is a crucial issue in the national coal strike Miners know unless the rank and file have control over their own health and safety it will mean death sentences for many miners The same is true at U S Steel, Gary Works

Workers must organize in every mill to fight for safe working conditions and to throw out all the trade union bureaucrats who make their living off the sweat and blood of steelworkers!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Logo of the MLOC shop paper at U S Steel Gary Works

Report from the First Congress of the MLOC

Guide for Trade Union Work

At its historic First Congress, the MLOC adopted a "Resolution on the Trade Unions " This revolutionary position provides the proletariat with an understanding of the causes and manifestations of the reactionary role the trade unions now play under opportunist and reformist leadership It outlines the tasks of the working class, under the leadership of its vanguard party, to transform the unions into real weapons of revolution

"Today the trade union apparatus has become an extension of the bourgeois state Controlled by the labor aristocracy and run by the trade union bureaucrats, it serves to prop up the rule of the bourgeoisie, promote disunity within the ranks of the working class, and sow class peace "

The policies of the bureaucrats keep three quarters of the workers in the U S unorganized Within the unions, the bureaucrats uphold narrow craft divisions In union after union, they bargain away the right to strike in the name of "common interests" between the workers and the capitalists and in the name of industrial peace.

"The result has been that while the bourgeoisie has sought to place the burden of the general crisis of capitalism on the backs of the workers through soaring prices, layoffs, unemployment and overtime, the earning power, health and safety, and well-being of the masses continue to worsen"

How can it be that the basic organizations of the working class – the unions, the organizations that ought to serve as the main force of the fighting strength of the class – have been turned into the principal tools of the capitalists to confine and crush the struggles of the workers?

The Resolution explains that " With the rise and development of imperialism, the bourgeoisie was able to use the superprofits gained from the exploitation of oppressed nations and colonies to bribe the upper stratum of the working class movement, the labor aristocrats and the trade union bureaucrats, in order to maintain control of the trade unions "

In order to protect their narrow interests and keep their respectability in the eyes of the capitalists, these class traitors promote national chauvinism and other forms of imperialist bourgeois ideology among the workers They are active partners in the U S. imperialist policies of war, aggression and suppression of revolutionary national-liberation and workers' movements They openly declare that their aim is to defend and maintain the present system of capitalist exploitation at home and imperialist domination abroad

"Our task in the trade unions is to wage the class struggle on all fronts in order to neutralize the influence of the labor aristocracy and kick out the trade union bureaucrats from the union Through this struggle the working class, under the leadership of its vanguard party, will take control of the trade unions and transform them into revolutionary fighting weapons of the proletariat against the bourgeoisie "

"The task of communist work in the trade unions is to assist and to lead the day to-day struggles, while linking them with the final aims of our movement – the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat, socialism and communism "

This scientific and revolutionary Resolution of the MLOC on the trade unions gives the proletariat a bright beacon to show the way forward to the tasks of seizing the trade unions and turning them against the bourgeoisie in the struggle for socialism

Copies of the 'Resolution on the Trade Unions" are available from **UNITE!** *for 5 cents apiece All quotes are from this Resolution*

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Anaconda workers on picket line The key issue is the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) which the company claims they "can't afford "

Against Anaconda American Brass

USWA Local 5726 Fights for COLA

From a Worker Correspondent

Paramount, California – The key issue in the steelworkers' strike against Anaconda American Brass has now come down to the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) The company claims they cannot afford to continue the COLA The strikers know they cannot afford to lose it

The strike of USWA local 5726 is now in its fifth month The Paramount plant is one of six others nationwide that have been on strike since October 1, 1977

Throughout the strike, salaried personnel have served as scabs and kept the Buffalo, New York and the Paramount plants open Police have been called in if there is the slightest delay in trucks crossing the picket line Strikers are seeing first hand how the courts and police directly serve corporations and big business in conflicts between the capitalists and workers Anaconda has the entire legal system at their service and it is becoming very clear that the only "law and order" that is preserved is the "law and order" of capitalists

Trade-Union Bureaucrats Oppose Workers

Here in Paramount strikers see that a strike that doesn't stop production is an ineffective strike And who's helping to keep production going? The trade union bureaucrats They are doing the work of the company better than the company itself

The trade union bureaucrats have personally escorted trucks through the picket line (see **UNITE!**, Vol 4 no 2) and consistently opposed stopping production and scabs

This is something all workers should learn from As long as the trade union bureaucrats control our unions we can only expect more sellouts Why? Because the capitalists have bought off the labor misleaders Their fat salaries, huge expense accounts and privileged positions are all directly tied to their ability to pacify and divert the blows of the working class away from the capitalists The rank and file need communist leadership and organization to oppose the bankrupt union leadership which only leads them down blind alleys

By refusing to mobilize the union membership to close the plant down, by squashing and diverting the initiative and militancy of the rank and file and by keeping the strikers "peaceful and quiet" the trade-union bureaucrats have prepared the workers for a sellout contract and a sellout will only represent the interests of Anaconda

It is not only the trade-union bureaucrats at the international level (making salaries of $100,000 and better) who have an interest in serving the capitalists, but also union local presidents, such as Noah Hite of local 5726 His interests coincide with those of the company because he wants to move up in the union bureaucracy He knows full well that to be promoted he must demonstrate to international president McBride and the others who presently control the union that he can keep the rank and file in line and conduct a strike in a manner acceptable to the company and big shot misleaders

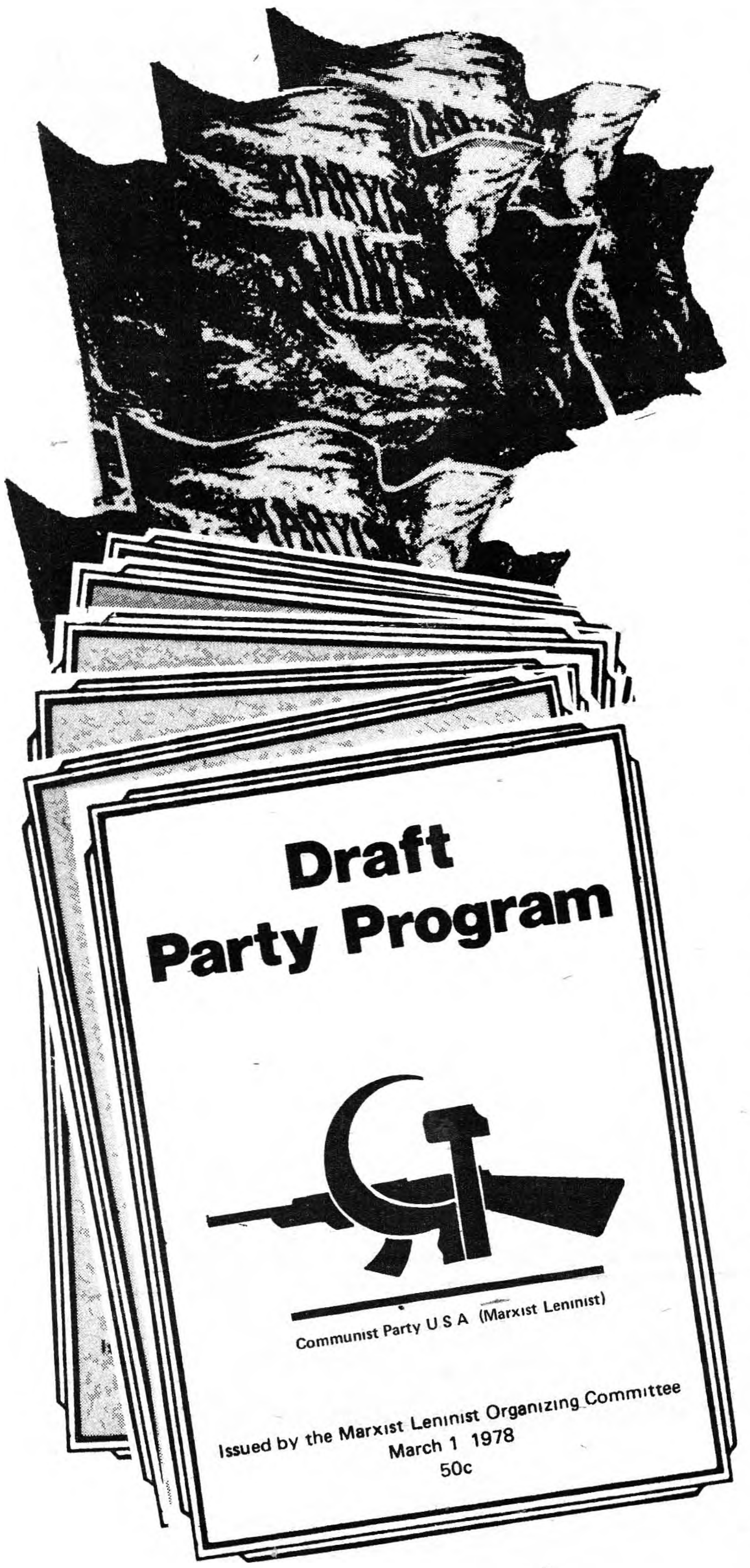
The small time bureaucrats like Hite have a choice – they can either serve and defend the interests of the workers or they can fall in line with the international and sell out the workers Here at the Paramount Anaconda plant the local president has chosen to serve the company in his effort to secure future positions in the international This treachery has led to the demoralization of the rank and file From all of this it is clear that workers must have a fighting program and need communist leadership

Plan of Action

In opposition to the class collaboration of the union big shots the MLOC has advanced a clear program of action We call on the rank and file to

- Organize a rank-and-file committee to win the strike
- Stop the trucks to stop production
- Oppose the sellout policies of the union leadership
- Win broad support from family, friends, other workers, unions and community groups

This program is a fighting program which enables workers to defend and advance the gains they have made over the years and begin to rebuild the union on a class conscious basis ★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Welcome the

For the first time since the degeneration of the Communist Party U S A in 1944, the working class has a Marxist-Leninist program. On March 1st, the MLOC published the **Draft Party Program** for the reconstitution of the vanguard communist party.

The Program, approved last fall by the First Congress of the MLOC, represents a significant break with opportunism, reformism and revisionism. With the adoption of the Program and the founding of the communist party in the United States, the spontaneous working-class movement will be transformed into a class conscious struggle for the overthrow of the bourgeoisie, the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat, socialism and communism.

This Program is a declaration of war against the U S bourgeoisie and the worldwide system of imperialism and reaction. It is the product of many years of struggle in the trade unions, on the shop floor, in mass organizations and in the Black and Chicano Nations. It reflects the experience of many veteran class fighters, the strength of the masses and the science of Marxism-Leninism.

Long Struggle to Rebuild the Party

The battle for the new Program goes back many years, long before the formation of the MLOC in 1975. The struggle for a Marxist-Leninist program is a continuation of the struggle against the class collaboration of the CPUSA in the late 1930's and early 1940's. It is a continuation of the battle waged against the rise of Khrushchevite revisionism. The Program was tempered in the heat of the struggle against the new revisionist tide, the "theory of the three worlds".

The **Draft Party Program** is a program of class struggle, achieved as a result of the efforts of many courageous fighters, who have valiantly fought against the bourgeoisie and their social props for the past 34 years.

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Class Against Class is the theoretical journal of the MLOC published three times a year at $2 each. Number 10 of the theoretical journal contains the Political Report from the First Congress of the MLOC, Resolutions adopted by the Congress and Messages sent by the Congress. One year subscription $6. Order through **UNITE!** PO Box 8041 Chicago, Illinois 60680 U S A.

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DRAFT PARTY PROGRAM

the struggle for state power

The Program is an internationalist Program which recognizes that our greatest responsibility to the peoples of the world is to overthrow the U S bourgeoisie Unlike other programs which try to cover for the U S bourgeoisie, this Program upholds that U S imperialism is a mortal enemy of the peoples of the world The Program stands in direct opposition to any and all theories which proclaim that U S imperialism is no longer aggressive or expansionist

Defend Strategic Alliance

Not only does the Program correctly direct our fire against the U S bourgeoisie, it is also a guide to the course of struggle ahead It correctly defends the revolutionary alliance between the proletariat and the oppressed nations in the U S as the only way to victory This Program upholds and demands the right of the Black and Chicano Nations to self determination, up to and including secession By taking this correct internationalist stand, the Program cements this strategic alliance and starkly exposes the national chauvinism of all other programs

As a part of the course of struggle, the Program places great stress on the necessity to train and prepare the working class and its allies for armed insurrection The Program demands the right of the working class to arm itself This is a direct blow to the revisionist theory of the peaceful road to socialism

The **Draft Party Program** takes up the revolutionary demands of the working class and its allies By making these demands both concise and concrete the Program is a fighting tool in the day-to-day struggles against the bourgeoisie This section of the Program is in sharp contrast to other programs whose demands are neither concrete nor have any sense of order or priority

This Program is not a document to be read once and placed on a dusty shelf in some library, never to be brought out again The opportunism of other programs is reflected in their length, abstraction and muddled state These programs are impossible to use as a guide to action

Tested in the Heat of Class Struggle

The **Draft Party Program** will be tested in the heat of class struggle so that when the Founding Congress of the Party is convened there will be a genuine basis for improving it for adoption by the Congress This is the Leninist approach to sharpening all of the tools of class struggle

This Program calls on the working class and all progressive forces to take up the Program, and use it to smash the bourgeoisie

With the **Draft Party Program** in hand, the working class and its allies will once again know the nature and course of the struggle ahead

Marxist-Leninists Unite To Build the Party!

The MLOC is committed to make every effort to unite the various Marxist Leninist forces which exist in the U S We have always defended the view that polemics against revisionism and the basis for drawing clear lines of demarcation between Marxism Leninism and opportunism must be centered on the Party Program

The **Draft Party Program** submitted by the MLOC draws sharp lines of demarcation with other programs on major questions of principle – the Black National Question, the Chicano National Question, the nature of U S imperialism, armed struggle, and the strategy and tactics of revolution We call on all Marxist-Leninist forces to come forward and struggle for unity based on the principles of the Program It will be on this basis that genuine Marxist-Leninists can unite and form a single Marxist-Leninist Party

We know that there are many genuine comrades in numerous organizations throughout the U S, comrades who are unclear or mistaken about questions of Marxism-Leninism We call on all these comrades to study and struggle to adopt this **Draft Party Program** Those comrades, Marxist Leninist circles or organizations that seek to unite with this Program are welcomed on the basis of correct principles governing the relations between Marxist Leninists In the next issue of **UNITE!** we will issue an open letter to other organizations inviting discussion on the **Draft Party Program** We strongly encourage all Marxist Leninist comrades and organizations to take up this call to build the party of the working class

Clear Lines of Demarcation

The publication of this Program comes at an extremely positive moment in the class struggle Over the last several months, for the first time in many years, clear, decisive and definite lines of demarcation have been drawn in the international communist movement This is the Program of a definite Marxist Leninist trend This is the only Program that can lead the U S working class in carrying out its historic mission of the transition to socialism and communism This Program stands alone as a beacon to the workers and their allies by pointing out the true road of struggle for victory over U S imperialism

The Central Committee of the MLOC invites all those who battle against U S imperialism to discuss this Program, to use this Program in class struggle

We invite all those who can unite with this Program to join with us in the reconstitution of the Party We invite all those with differences in strategy and tactics to discuss these differences with us, and struggle for unity on the basis of Marxist-Leninist principles

In the world today, when the imperialist camp, headed by U S imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism, are everywhere preparing for imperialist world war and fascist reaction, the working class and its allies must move boldly to block the path of imperialist reaction This Program is a powerful contribution to the development of the subjective factor in the U S, the consciousness and organization of the proletariat and its allies to make revolution, establish the dictatorship of the proletariat, socialism and communism

The publication of this Program signals the reality that the conditions are already prepared for the formation of a vanguard communist party With the circulation, use and improvement of this Program, the time will be ready to sweep aside over thirty years of revisionist hegemony in the working class movement and to re establish a genuine headquarters for Marxism-Leninism and proletarian revolution

Workers, Oppressed Nations And Peoples of the World UNITE!

On To The Party!

A Call for Questions

The **Draft Party Program** sets out the true aims, objectives and demands of the working class in battle against U S imperialism This **Draft Party Program** will provide the basis for a new Marxist-Leninist Party to be formed soon On May 1st – the International Day of Workers Solidarity we will begin a series of commentaries on this Program These commentaries will explain important aspects of the Program, and draw demarcation with all other opportunist trends in the U S In order to deepen the understanding of the proletariat and its allies, we will respond to questions and criticisms of the Program

Do you have questions about the Program you would like answered?

Are there parts of the Program you would like explained in depth?

Are there differences with the Program you would like discussed in the pages of **UNITE!**?

If so, send your questions and comments Please forward these by May Day if possible Questions received after this date will be responded to after the commentaries are completed Send all mail to MLOC, PO Box 4781, Chicago, Illinois 60680 U S A.

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Consolidation of Socialist Relations in Economic Base Reflected in

The Life of an Albanian Coal Miner

What is it like to be a coal miner at the Valias coal mine now under construction just outside of Tirana, the capital of Albania?

Valias is one of the biggest mines in this socialist country A whole new town is being built at the mine site

The mine is being designed and built by engineers, technicians and workers The most modern technology is being used in order to lighten the work load and ensure the health and safety of the miners

Underground the mine looks like an industrial city Electric locomotives bring new materials and machinery into place as equipment is installed and ventilation tunnels are dug Work places at the coal face are well lit and the air is clean Coal is moved quickly out of the mine during the shift on which it is dug, by electric railway All equipment in the mine, from heavy machinery to telephones and lighting is flame proof to prevent explosions

Above ground, the city is near completion There are new apartment houses, schools, shops, laboratories, an electric power station and railway network Directly above the mine are bath houses, dining rooms and a health center open around the clock Underground miners receive regular exams to prevent occupational diseases, free of charge Clothing and work gear are provided free

Miners' pay is high They earn about the same as a government Vice Minister After ten years of work, at age 50, a miner can retire with a pension at 70% of his wages Miners receive a paid annual leave twice as long as other workers If a miner is off work because of illness or injury, he receives 95% of his regular pay while in the hospital or at home

In socialist Albania it is well understood that miners play a vital role in socialist construction For that reason, society places a high priority on taking care of its miners

What a contrast with a miner's life in the U S ! It is the difference between night and day, between capitalism and socialism

Building the Economic Base To Ensure Well-Being

How can life be like this? How does a socialist economy work? Once the proletariat seizes political power, how is a capitalist economy transformed into a socialist economy? Workers all around the country are asking us these questions

The development of a socialist economic base begins with the seizure of major means of production, of the land, mines, mills and resources from the overthrown capitalists by the new class in power, the working class In Albania, under the leadership of the Party of Labor of Albania (PLA), the people's state is organized to carry out this transfer in a conscious manner A change in ownership from one class to another leads to a change in the relations of production Under socialism, the working people are no longer wage slaves Instead they are the owners and masters of the wealth and resources of their country

The Valias mine is owned by the entire people of Albania Production is directed by the state committees in conjunction with the workers themselves Coal is not extracted to make a profit for the owners The coal is mined in order to fuel the factories, increase production, strengthen socialist society and increase the well being of the people

Conscious Planning

The development of socialist construction proceeds by careful planning The anarchy of production under capitalism – which shows up in surplus of goods, high prices and unemployment – does not exist in Albania The building of the Valias mine did not occur as the result of some individual capitalist accumulating enough to invest in a new mine to make even greater profits. The mine was first investigated, and then designed and built as part of an overall plan based on a scientific evaluation of the resources, the needs and priorities of the entire society

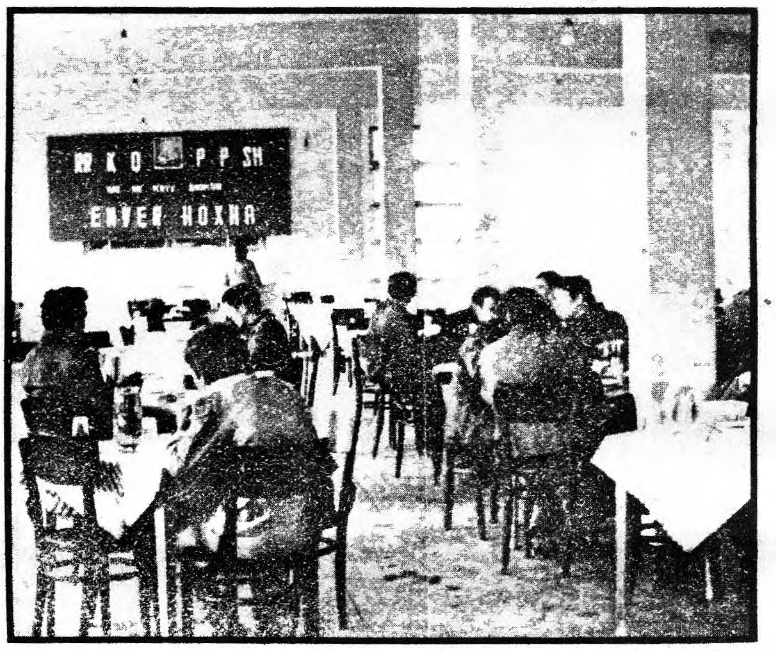
In socialist society, production is for use, to fulfill the needs of the people and to advance socialist construction Production is not for profit

The consolidation of the economic base is crucial All other socialist relations and socialist new things stand on this base In order to consolidate the economic base, socialist construction must solve two basic problems First, the relations of production must be transformed The problem must be solved as to which class owns and leads And secondly, the industrial, agricultural and technological capabilities of the society must be developed and advanced In other words, the forces of production must be developed These two problems are two aspects of the same task, the task of consolidating the economic socialist base

In mining, for example, the Albanian people faced two problems First, they had to seize the mines and place them under the control of the proletarian dictatorship Second, they had to put the mines back into production, build new ones, develop mining technology to both ensure the health and safety of the workers and to increase production and train new miners

Which Class Will Lead

Understanding the relations of production and the productive forces is essential to guide the development of socialist economy The PLA has fought long and hard on this question to maintain a correct line, because it is a question of which class will lead, whether or not socialism will be consolidated and whether or not the proletariat will march forward to the creation of communism



Miners' dining hall at the Valias mine The state pays 24% of the cost of the meals here

Failure to follow the correct line on the relationship between the forces of production and the relations of production in the past, in the working class movement, has been the source of opportunism and revisionism In the once-socialist U S S R , this failure led to the restoration of capitalism Those who revise Marxism-Leninism on this question say that the development of socialist ownership of the means of production, and the development of the productive forces are two independent processes They also say that if the forces of production are developed and the society is modernized and industrialized, the socialist relations will politely follow History has proven this to be incorrect The two processes are interrelated Only by consistently improving socialist leadership will the initiative and creativity of the working people be unleashed, and the productive forces of the country be developed

After 30 years of struggle in Albania, socialist relations have been consolidated through the correct leadership of the Party, through sharp and persistent class struggle and through the dedication and sacrifice of the Albanian working people The seizure of political power in 1944 was an historic achievement But it brought with it the even more difficult task of consolidating the dictatorship of the proletariat through development of a socialist economic base The question of which class will lead, which class will own, has been answered in favor of the proletariat. The conditions of life for the Valias miners today are the direct result of this struggle The well being of the Valias miners, along with the technologically developed mining process is a clear reflection of the success of socialist construction in Albania today ★

Black "Uncle Toms" Sell Out to Settler Regime

The latest reports from Zimbabwe indicate that Ian Smith, leader of the minority Rhodesian regime is about to achieve an "internal settlement" with three black leaders – Bishop Abel Muzorewa, Ndabaningi Sithole and Senator Joseph Chirau This "internal settlement" is a complete betrayal of the aspirations of the 6 8 million black Zimbabweans for majority rule The announced provisions of the now partially agreed upon "settlement" is that the white minority will continue to rule for at least ten more years through constitutional guarantees that will leave whites in control of the economy, civil service and the army The black Uncle Toms have agreed to give the whites veto power in a 100 seat parliament Whites would be given 28 seats, a ratio of four to one, whereas the whites are outnumbered in the country 24 to one

The major stumbling block to sealing this "settlement" is the make up of the interim government Smith insists that he remain executive The three black leaders, in an attempt to cover their complete sell out, demand that a black head the interim government

This "internal settlement" is a last desperate effort by the racist Smith regime to salvage white rule Just one year ago, he was saying that black rule would never come in his life time But now he is desperately scrambling to hold on to power because his regime is hard pressed by the ever expanding guerrilla warfare under the leadership of the Patriotic Front composed of ZANU (Zimbabwe African National Union) and ZAPU (Zimbabwe African Peoples' Union)

This "settlement" is a ploy to attempt to divide the black population Smith hopes he can use his sham majority rule as a way of getting blacks to join him in his fight against the guerrillas He also hopes to ease world condemnation of his continued white minority rule

This "internal settlement" has been soundly exposed and rejected by the Patriotic Front and the five frontline states surrounding Zimbabwe Robert Mugabe, President of ZANU and co leader of the Patriotic Front has said, "Zimbabwe must be free now The people are anxiously awaiting a new and independent state "

The U S and British imperialists, recognizing that Smith's days are numbered, are hoping to maintain their influence in Zimbabwe by giving token support to the Patriotic Front The U S and Britain have criticized the "settlement" proposed by Smith because it does not involve the Front It is not because these imperialists support the liberation forces, but because they realize that the "settlement" can not work The three traitors have no real mass support, nor do they control any troops, therefore, they could not stop the liberation war

The U S would like to see the war end and a settlement worked out as soon as possible, so that they can shore up their control before the Soviet Union is able to gain the upper hand The U S fears that once the Smith regime has been ousted, the Soviet Union will openly intervene just as they did in Angola in order to gain control

The tasks of the supporters of the Zimbabwe liberation struggle are clear We must denounce the sell out of the three Uncle Toms We must oppose any forced settlement by the U S and British imperialists

The Zimbabwean liberation fighters do not need the assistance of Soviet Cuban "liberators" who attempt to gain control of a country by coming through the back door under the false flag of "support for national liberation movements" and "socialism" Each superpower plots to pull an independent Zimbabwe into its sphere of influence, this must be opposed

We must support the Patriotic Front and the vanguard role played by ZANU The MLOC supports the ZANU stand of "we are our own liberators '

**Long Live the Valiant Struggle
of the Zimbabwean People
Against Minority Rule!**

Diplomat of U S and U S S R Collusion

Tito, Errand Boy of Imperialism, to Visit U. S.

Josip Broz Tito, the 85-year old ruler of Yugoslavia Today we are witnessing an attempt to reverse the verdict leveled on Tito as a traitor to Marxism-Leninism and defender of modern revisionism

This month Josip Broz Tito, the 85 year old ruler of Yugoslavia is headed for the U S His visit will culminate an unusual amount of travel and wheeling and dealing over the past six months

In late August and September of 1977, Tito travelled to Moscow, Korea and China In Moscow he was warmly praised for his support of the policy of "detente" This policy, which is one component of the U S S R - U S collusion has become increasingly ragged as can be seen in the recent Belgrade meetings on the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe

In Peking, very little was said about "detente" There Tito was presented as a great anti fascist fighter that China could depend upon in the face of a menacing U S S R The real extent of Tito's success in China surfaced later with the establishment of full Party to-Party relations between the Communist Party of China (CPC) and the League of Communists of Yugoslavia As noted earlier in a UNITE! article (Vol 3, No 11, December 1977), this reversal of the long standing condemnation of Tito for his revisionism is a serious attack upon the forces of revolution

In late September and early October, Tito shifted his focus to the West Visits were made to France, Spain and Portugal

In a Spain still under the heel of the Juan Carlos regime bequeathed by Franco, the Yugoslavs dropped any pretence of supporting socialism and revolution and praised the regime "for the happy and cordial atmosphere denoting mutual rapprochement in peace and freedom " (Yugoslav Life December 1977, p 2)

It was practically at the same time preparations for the U S. trip were laid E Kardelj, the Yugoslav second in command and chief theoretician of Yugoslav capitalist restoration came to the U S and met with Vice-President Mondale and National Security Advisor Brzezinksi Both praised Tito for his policy of "non alignment" "Non alignment" like "detente" is a code word for imperialist collusion at the expense of the world s peoples Both mean cooperation with imperialism, non alignment with socialism and revolution

Today the Yugoslav people are paying the price of Tito's treachery The early grants to prop up Tito have long given way to large indebtedness to the International Monetary Fund Over 4,000 foreign firms are represented in Yugoslavia By a recent law, it is no longer necessary for foreign banks and corporations to place a Yugoslav as head of the subsidiary The result is that the Yugoslav economy is completely integrated into the international capitalist system and has been going through the same phases of industrial crisis, inflation and unemployment

When Tito and Carter meet, the problem of the deficit in the balance of payments of Yugoslavia, and the need for further loans will undoubtedly have to be part of the agenda But the main part of the agenda goes far beyond the increased exploitation of the 20 million Yugoslavian people

Tito's role is that of the Diplomat of Imperialist Collusion His task has been to front for both superpowers as a so called leader of the "non-aligned" As the superpowers and the other imperialists move increasingly toward imperialist world war, collusion becomes secondary, contention becomes primary, and the ground will be cut out from under Tito, "detente" and "non-alignment"

Brazilian Party Condemns "Three Worlds" Theory

"A Classe Operaria", newspaper of the Communist Party of Brazil (Marxist Leninist), recently published a scathing attack against the theory of "three worlds"

"We who are fighting in the dependent and semi colonial countries", the article says, "are aware of the utterly counter revolutionary essence of this theory " While the revisionists seek to place the revolution in the service of the bourgeoisie and link it with Soviet social-imperialism, the advocates of the theory of "three worlds' want to "subject the supreme interests of the oppressed peoples to the most regressive elements in their own country They are the defenders of order in power in the "third world", even when this order is represented by savage fascist military dictatorship "

"It is a deception to call on people to close their ranks around the 'third world', that is around the reactionary forces of the underdeveloped countries In this way they will never achieve the solution of their fundamental problems

The partisans of the 'third world' are deviating from the revolution, they do not want and do not fight for it, because the revolution is directed against both the external enemy and the reactionary and fascist governments of the semi colonial and dependent countries " ★

Revolution Will Surely Triumph!

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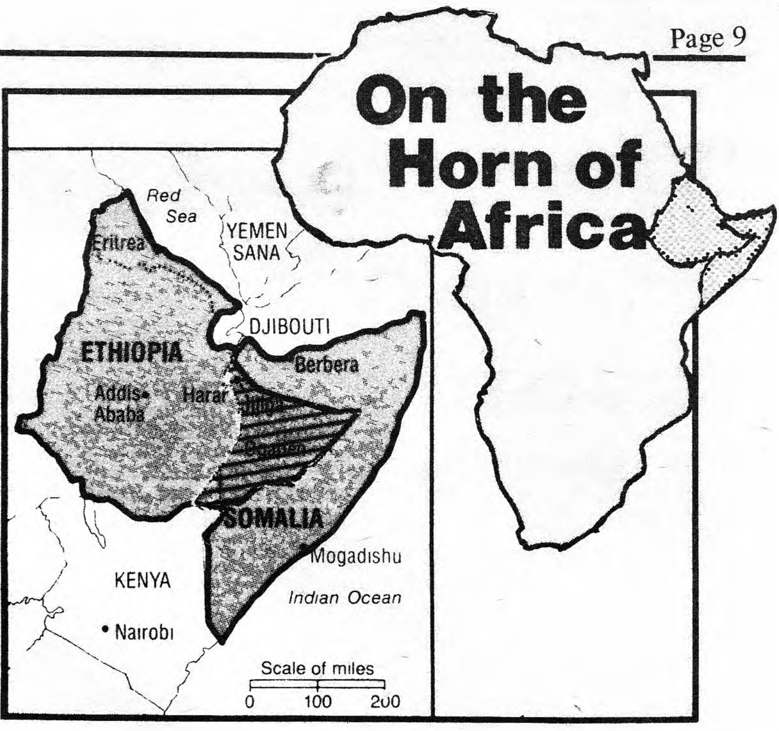

On the Horn of Africa

Reactionary War Between Ethiopia and Somalia

The latest reports from Ethiopia's Ogaden desert indicate that the Soviet-Cuban backed Ethiopian regime is turning the tide of battle and routing the U S backed Somalia forces The U S is now crying foul because of the use of Cuban forces and threatening direct involvement if Somalia's territory is invaded

The truth of the matter is that the two superpowers are heightening their contention for control of the strategic Middle East and Horn of Africa The valuable prize is the control of the major oil route to Europe To win the prize, each superpower seeks to take advantage of any rift between the other's client state and its master This is clearly evidenced by the switching of masters— in Ethiopia from the U S to the Soviets, and in Somalia from the Soviets to the U S

The war over the Ogaden between Ethiopia and Somalia is a reactionary war between the military juntas and serves the interests of their imperialist masters It is a war through which the oppressed nationalities of the Ogaden region are being slaughtered and dispersed from their traditional homelands Animosity is being created and intensified between the two countries.

The reactionary regimes of Mengistu in Ethiopia and Said Barre in Somalia, as well as their imperialist sponsors, have a great interest in continuing this war The two superpowers are using this war to escalate their contention by proxy to establish hegemony in the region

The Soviets have signed a 20 year friendship agreement with the Ethiopian regime and poured over $1 billion in military equipment, along with 4,000 Cuban mercenary troops into Ethiopia to help win the war On the other hand, the U S is giving support to Somalia through its reactionary intermediaries in the region – the fascist Shah of Iran, Saudi Arabia and Egypt

The reactionary ruling classes of Ethiopia and Somalia are hardly blameless in this war for it serves their interests too The Ethiopian regime which claims to be "socialist" is racked by internal dissent among the workers, students and oppressed nationalities This is in addition to fighting an unjust war against the national-liberation struggle of the Eritrean people The fascist Mengistu regime is using the Somalia "invasion" to whip up national fervor and stem these just struggles It hopes to first put down the Somalia's threat and then turn its Soviet Cuban backed and trained army against the Eritrean and Ethiopian masses This is a futile attempt because the Ethiopian masses, led by their party, the Ethiopian Peoples' Revolutionary Party, are becoming more and more aware of the sham nature of the "socialist" Mengistu regime The Party and people are intensifying struggle against the regime The Eritreans, led by the Eritrean People's Liberation Front, are moving ever closer to complete victory

The reactionary Somalia regime is using this war as a pretext to advance its own expansionist aims to bring about its long pursued objective of a "Greater Somalia" which would include the Ogaden as well as to divert the attention of the oppressed masses of Somalia from waging class struggle

Somalia claims that the war is being pursued solely by the Western Somalia Liberation Front The truth is that Somalia is taking advantage of the oppression of the Ethiopian Somalis and their just struggle against national oppression to pursue their own reactionary aims

The proletariat and oppressed nationalities in Ethiopia and Somalia must forge unity and overthrow the Mengistu and Barre regimes and their imperialist backers and create new democratic societies It is only on this basis that national oppression will cease and these countries will become truly independent

Long Live the Just Struggles of the Ethiopian and Somali Masses!

Superpowers Out of Africa!

Attempt to Crush Native Indian Movement

Defense to Argue Case in 9-Month Skyhorse and Mohawk Trial

Paul Skyhorse and Richard Mohawk on their way to trial in Los Angeles The two have been framed for murder as part of the government's assault on the Native Indian struggle for land and democratic rights

In 1973 the American Indian Movement (AIM) occupied Wounded Knee, South Dakota, demanding democratic rights and land for Native Indians Since that time the bourgeois state, through its agents, the FBI, has attacked AIM through intimidation, organized terror, armed violence and murder

Over 43 AIM members and supporters have been murdered by the FBI and their goons at the site of the Wounded Knee occupation at the Pine Ridge Reservation alone As part of its attack, the state has framed leaders Russel Means, Dennis Banks, Leonard Peltier, Gladys Bissonette, Sarah Badheart Bull and others

Continuing its efforts to destroy the resistance of Native Indians, the state has leveled an attack against Richard Mohawk, a Tuscarora Mohawk from upstate New York and Paul Skyhorse, an Anishnabe Chippewa from Minnesota

In October, 1974 a Los Angeles cab driver was brutally murdered Three people, Marcie Eaglestaff, Marvin Redshirt and Holly Broussard, were arrested with bloody clothes and shoes, two knives with the driver's blood on them and the driver's possessions A week later, Skyhorse and Mohawk, AIM organizers, were arrested in Arizona though there was no physical evidence tying them to the case For their part, Broussard, Redshirt and Eaglestaff were granted immunity in January 1975 in exchange for testimony implicating Skyhorse and Mohawk

In the early stages, Skyhorse and Mohawk's defense was sabotaged by the FBI informers in AIM The two have been harassed constantly since their arrest In February 1977 they were so badly beaten by six deputies in the Ventura County Jail that they required hospitalization Also, an inmate at the Los Angeles County Jail filed an affidavit testifying that he was offered a deal by the state for a light sentence if he would invent a story that Skyhorse had threatened to "butcher him like a cab driver" unless he submitted to a homosexual rape

In the course of the trial, now in its ninth month, Judge Dodson has acted in alliance with the prosecution to prop up the state's frame up In the course of this trial, he ruled that Skyhorse and Mohawk had to sit on the opposite side of the courtroom and not communicate with their attorney This is no longer in force While in jail, they participated in a hunger strike protesting the beatings of other prisoners As a result the Sheriff ordered their rights restricted In late December 1977, the California Supreme Court ruled that Skyhorse and Mohawk could represent themselves at their trial The decision stayed Judge Dodson's order revoking such a right They have also restored their right to telephones, the prison law library and other basic privileges

The prosecution is now finished presenting its case Forty nine prosecution witnesses have completely failed to implicate Skyhorse and Mohawk in the case For instance, Allan Ball and Jeff Hawley both testified that they were with the defendants shortly after the murder, and did not see blood on their clothing Frank Sexton, who initially claimed to have seen blood on Skyhorse's pants, admitted habitual drug usage and continuous treatment for drug related illness, and that in fact, he remembered hardly anything about October 1974 Marcie Eaglestaff, one of the three originally arrested, was recently sentenced to a year in jail for aiding and abetting a felony She has been in jail since October 1977 on contempt charges for refusing to answer defense questions about her actions the night of the murder

Currently, the defense is presenting its case This week, FBI undercover agents who had infiltrated AIM will be brought to the stand Leonard Weinglass, Skyhorse and Mohawk's lawyer, estimates that the trial will go to the jury for a verdict within a month

Through such frame ups, military occupations, FBI attacks, forced sterilization of Native Indian women and other forms of repression and genocide, U S imperialism is trying to crush the struggle of the Native Indian peoples to regain control of their land, resources and destinies In the face of these attacks, there is a pressing need for the working class to join in solidarity with the struggle of Skyhorse and Mohawk and with the Native Indian struggle for democratic rights ★

A bunker near Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota, during the 1973 occupation of Wounded Knee

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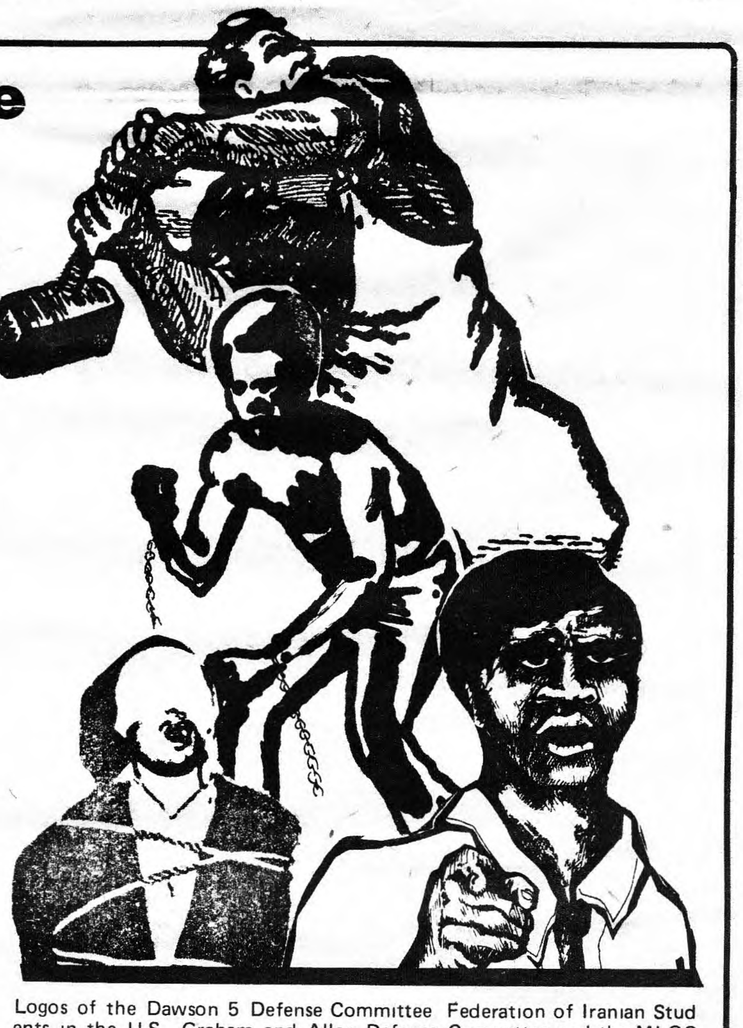

Logos of the Dawson 5 Defense Committee Federation of Iranian Students in the U S Graham and Allen Defense Committee and the MLOC who participated in the January 7th Dawson 5 fund raiser in Berkeley Ca

Berkeley, Calif – A victory celebration for the Dawson Five was held here January 7th The event was a big success The donations from over fifty people were sent directly to the families of the Dawson Five Lively speeches gave the gathering a militant content

In addition, films were shown depicting conditions in two nations oppressed by imperialism the Black Nation and Azania "South Hunger and Health" documents the bare subsistence poverty in the rural South raw sewage standing in pools, retardation due to malnutrition and more "Last Grave at Dimbaza" shows the brutal oppression of the Azanian people by the South African fascists In Dimbaza, graves are dug twenty at a time for the children who will die during the coming week

The main theme of the presentation by the Dawson Five Defense Committee was the power of the people when we unite to struggle against the imperialists This is what set the Dawson Five free The speaker also reviewed the development of the Black Nation and the necessity of fighting for self determination for the Black Nation and equal rights throughout the country

Three solidarity statements were made A MLOC spokesperson pledged continued concrete support to the Black liberation struggle A speaker for the Graham and Allen Defense Committee focussed on executions of Blacks and other oppressed people by the imperialists Ernest Graham and Eugene Allen are Black militant inmates of San Quentin framed for the murder of a prison guard and facing death in the gas chamber A Federation of Iranian Students in the U S speaker called for the overthrow of the fascist Shah's regime which holds over 100,000 political prisoners in its jails He expressed his wholehearted support for the Black people's struggle against the common enemy, U S imperialism

This event pointed to the victories that can be won and the still greater victories yet to be achieved

The People Freed
the Dawson Five!

The People Will Overthrow
U S Imperialism!

TV Documentary Denies Role of the Masses

'King' Distorts History, Preaches Non-Violence

During the 1950's and 1960's in the U S , Black people rose up in a revolutionary movement against the entire system of racist segregation which was the law in the South and universally practiced throughout the rest of the country This movement spontaneously went beyond racial segregation and national oppression to challenge the entire imperialist system itself, the real cause and promoter of national oppression Out of this revolutionary movement of the Black people emerged many mass organizations and leaders – the most prominent being Martin Luther King, Jr

As a leader, King displayed a dual nature He was both a progressive fighter against inequality and social injustice and a reformist who consciously opposed armed rebellion against the imperialist system and who made many concessions to the imperialist ruling class

This true assessment of Martin Luther King Jr was completely and deliberately distorted in KING, the three night "documentary" produced by NBC The bourgeoisie and its servants always attempt to distort history to make it serve their continued rule

The basic points made in KING were that M L King Jr was **the** leader of the Civil Rights Movement, that non-violence is the way to achieve social change, that the racists and the government conspired to keep Blacks oppressed, and that Coretta King made major contributions to the Civil Rights Movement and should be accepted as a leader today

While King was the most prominent spokesman for the Civil Rights Movement, he was a product of the struggles of Black people for full democratic rights and not the initiator of the movement He played a major role in getting the Black church involved in the freedom struggle, and in articulating the demands of the movement By focussing on King instead of the mass movement, the movie presented the idea that great men, or heroes, are the makers of history, and denied the role of the masses as the true makers of history Instead of the spontaneous struggle, this program showed a lot of meetings of King and his lieutenants

The role of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) in the Freedom Rides and the Student Non Violent (later National) Coordinating Committee (SNCC) in the Southern movement were omitted The fact that SNCC, not King, was the first major Black organization to oppose the Vietnam War was distorted. The whole uproar around "Black Power" was completely left out because it raised challenges to the tactics of non-violence and the goal of integration

Towards the end, King began to grasp the need to link the struggles of workers and the struggle for Black liberation Here he is seen marching with Atlanta workers at Scripto on a picket line

KING also presented non-violence as the best means of social change This was the heart of this program But non-violence is not and cannot substitute for Black people aggressively pursuing their rights and defending themselves when attacked by racists and other reactionaries History has shown time and again that those in a privileged or ruling position will fight to maintain it The rich Southern landowners and capitalists in collusion with the Northern bourgeoisie incite working class whites to oppose the Black struggle for full democratic rights They foster white chauvinism to maintain their rule and privileges When the Black Civil Rights Movement challenged this rule, the capitalists and reformists tried to divert the movement into non violence, or into attacking white workers

The movie, in spite of its intentions to sell non violence, did show that this was not the only tactic seen as viable by Black people Many Black people and leaders such as Malcolm X, Robert Williams and H Rap Brown, saw the necessity to meet reactionary violence with revolutionary violence, serving notice to reactionaries that they could not attack Blacks without being counter attacked The rebellions that occurred in over 40 cities after King's assassination were not even mentioned on the program This was to maintain the illusion that Black people accepted non-violence

The movie did expose the role of the liberal Kennedy brothers, who have been portrayed as friends of Black people It showed that the Kennedys tried to use King and the movement to further their careers

The movie attempted to project Coretta King as a major contributor to her husband's thought and the leadership of the freedom struggle It presents her as a progressive figure who should be accepted as a leader of Black people She is not Coretta King willingly sells out the interests of Black and working class people as evidenced by her giving a "Freedom Award" to George Meany, the racist head of the AFL-CIO

King's legacy was that he was beginning to see that the struggle against segregation was no longer the major battle He was beginning to see as Memphis and the Poor People's March indicate, the necessity of linking the struggle for Civil Rights with the struggle for jobs and better working conditions He was beginning to see that national oppression was also a question of class oppression He had even begun to question non violence He was not a Marxist-Leninist and thus could not scientifically see the need for the right of self-determination and for linking the Black liberation struggle with the working-class movement against imperialism, but the logic of the struggle was propelling him in that direction.

The working class and oppressed nationalities must combat all attempts by the bourgeoisie to distort our history and channel our struggles toward reformist ends and reformist leadership The history of the people's struggles against oppression and exploitation are the foundation on which we build for the future We have to sum up our history and press forward to achieve the victory of the total liberation of Black people and the working class from imperialist domination

KING showed that J Edgar Hoover tried to link M L King to communists It would have been a good thing if **genuine communist leadership** had been given to the Black liberation struggle But leadership was left to the revisionist CPUSA, which had abandoned the Black people's struggle and the revolutionary road during the 1940's No genuine communist leadership was provided The CPUSA's revisionist views of "peaceful transition" and socialism dovetailed with M L King's non-violence and failed to raise the understanding of the movement The CPUSA denied the existence of the Black Nation and did not guide the spontaneous struggle to fight for self-determination. The Black liberation movement, just as the workers' movement, suffered from this betrayal

King and members of Congress watch Lyndon Johnson sign the Civil Rights Act of 1964

The struggle during the 1950's and 1960's that were shown in the movie KING were a small reflection of the militant resistance of the Black Nation to oppression and imperialist domination Many democratic rights which were bitterly fought for then are still denied for the majority of the Black masses in the South, because the Black Nation is still oppressed by U.S. imperialism The wretched exploitation and oppression of the Black Nation will continue until the right of self determination has been achieved

The struggle for self-determination will not be won through peaceful, non-violent means despite what the movie KING says The imperialists who have a stranglehold over the South and their Southern lackeys will not hand over the land, resources or power to the Black masses without a fight The exercise of the right of self determination will only be realized through armed struggle and the seizure of state power by the working class of the oppressed Nation and its allies ★

Joint Statement of the Black National Question Commission and the Chicano National Question Commission of the MLOC

Unite Blacks and Chicanos to Fight Side by Side

The oppressed Black and Chicano peoples are allies in a common battle against U S imperialism and national oppression Both nationalities bear a heavy yoke of special oppression, discrimination and persecution For centuries the Chicano Nation in the Southwest and the Black Nation in the South have struggled valiantly to end their suffering We fully support armed self defense of both nationalities against fascist attacks by the Ku Klux Klan, Nazis, Texas Rangers and that these murderers are forever eliminated from the earth

Both the Chicano and Black people of the U S fight for full democratic rights, self determination and socialism The Chicano National Question Commission and the Black National Question Commission of the MLOC join together to salute the fearless sons and daughters of these nationalities, and to encourage and support their struggle As part of the multi national vanguard of the working class in this country, we support of the k and Chicano Nations in the movement toward the seizure of state power by the proletariat When the struggles of the Black and Chicano Nations for democratic rights, self determination and socialism merge with the working class movement for socialism, the death knell of U S imperialism will have sounded

In order to maintain its imperialist control, the U S bourgeoisie incites one nationality against another, fostering racism and great nation chauvinism It encourages divisions even between two oppressed nationalities, such as between the Blacks and Chicanos in the U S

The South is home for a fairly sizeable number of Chicanos and Mexicanos who consitute national minorities within the Black Nation, whether they perform migrant agricultural or industrial labor There is also a sizeable Black population in the urban centers of the Southwest The political rights of these minorities must be guarded by the nationalities on whose territory they reside. We must act to unite Blacks and Chicanos to fight side by side to overthrow U S imperialist domination of their peoples

Revolution is the main trend in the world today! Without a doubt the multi national proletariat will succeed in seizing state power and establishing the dictatorship of the proletariat, socialism and communism Working - class people of all nationalities Join the struggle for socialism and communism, under which all national oppression of Black and Chicano people will be finally ended!

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Self-determination for the Chicano Nation!
Full democratic rights for both Black and Chicano national minorities!

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Workers' Movement

BRITAIN – Gasoline tank truck drivers continue to ban overtime in their struggle to win a 30 % wage increase – much higher than the 10 % allowed by the so called Social Contract They have also refused deliveries to gas station managers who try to profit from their action

The government has already indicated its intention to put into operation the emergency measures most recently used in Nothern Ireland British troops, having just finished fighting the strike by firemen, are ready to commandeer tanker trucks and take over gas stations Had the firemen's strike not been settled, the government had plans to call in troops from its European allies

INDONESIA – The broad protest movement launched by Indonesian students against the Suharto regime is growing University students in the capital city of Jakarta, the main center of the protests, have organized a series of rallies and meetings condemning the fascist policies of the Suharto regime

To stamp out this resistance, the regime has mobilized police, which have responded with violence and the arrest of many students But the growing student movement shows their determination to carry the struggle forward

IRAN – Massive anti government demonstrations broke out in the city of Tabriz, Iran Angrily responding to police violence, the demonstrators set fire to four hotels, and stormed movie theatres and banks One theatre was burned and many cars were set ablaze The Iranian Army has now taken over control of the city and over 250 people have been arrested

MOROCCO – Eighty five political prisoners are entering the second month of a hunger strike The prisoners are demanding to be transferred to Casablanca where they can receive family visitors They are also calling for decent treatment from their jailers Amnesty International reports prolonged incommunicado detention before trial, extremely bad conditions in prisons and the use of state security laws to suppress political and social opposition

ITALY – On January 21-24, the Communist Party of Italy (Marxist-Leninist) held its third national Congress in Fierenze The Congress was attended by delegates from throughout the country The majority of delegates were workers in basic industry, but there were also present agricultural workers, revolutionary intellectuals and students and workers from all sectors of service and industry

Reports from the Congress included a criticism/self criticism of the activity of the Central Committee and on the experience of the Party Another report stressed the fundamental importance of proletarian internationalism and the question of unity of the Marxist Leninist Parties throughout the world This report also discussed relations between the PCI(M L) and other parties Another report dealt with the immediate struggle facing the working class, especially the rise of neo-fascism, and the importance of following the mass line to reinforce the vanguard role of the PCI(M L)

National Liberation

ERITREA – The Eritrean People's Liberation Army, in its forward march to completely rid its soil of the Ethiopian aggressors, has recently scored a chain of spectacular victories Five important towns – Dongolo, Ghinda, Emba Atkala, Mai Haber and Nefasit – on the Asmara Massawa road, have been liberated Dongolo is an important naval training center for the Ethiopians where over 3,500 aggressor troops were decimated by the EPLA Ghinda, an important site of citrus plantations, was liberated on the same day Also, important garrisons on the road to the capital city of Asmara were overrun

The fascist junta had attempted to dispatch troop reinforcements from both Asmara and Massawa but failed after its troops were unable to break through EPLA lines and were forced to retreat

In liberating the five towns, the strategic Asmara Massawa asphalted road is now under the complete control of the EPLA This means that the liberation of Asmara and Massawa will be accelerated

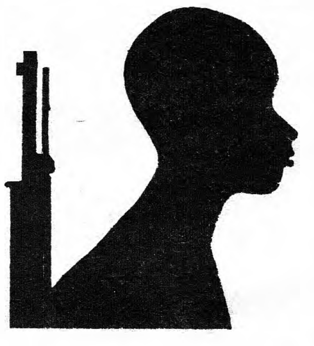
The EPLA is firmly holding its position in Massawa Although the Ethiopian aggressors have used air raids and shelling by Soviet warships to break the EPLA siege, the EPLA maintains the upper hand and is pushing hard to complete the liberation of the strategic port city

PHILIPPINES – Telling blows have been dealt to the reactionary Marcos regime by Philippine guerilla forces, especially by Moslem rebels on Mindanao, Sulu and Jolo islands Enemy troops, though strongly reinforced, suffered defeat in their "mopping up" operations and were forced to withdraw In the southern part of Basilan Island, a number of police and military installations have also been destroyed

Popular indignation against the fascist government is increasing and the people are rising in struggle against the anti popular and pro-imperialist policy it pursues These uprisings clearly show that the Philippine people do not reconcile themselves to oppression and exploitation and are determined to wage armed struggle to realize their aspirations

ZIMBABWE – The Zimbabwean people are intensifying their armed struggle against the racist Rhodesian regime Recently, a unit of Zimbabwean guerilla forces attacked a military base in Nyamorocco, in the northeast part of the country, where numerous Rhodesian forces had been concentrated The military barracks were set on fire and many vehicles destroyed Many racist forces were killed or wounded

Through these victories, the Zimbabwean people have rebuffed the alleged "transition with stages of the power to the majority" being plotted in Washington and London This scheme aims to liquidate their armed struggle and keep their country tied to U S imperialism



PUERTO RICO – The 6,200 member Electrical, Industry and Irrigation Workers' Union (UTIER) has been on strike for over two months against the Water Resources Authority The UTIER downed tools after several fruitless months in negotiations with the WRA

Because the UTIER controls a vital sector of the Puerto Rican economy (electrical power) and is one of the most militant unions in the country, the WRA and the colonial government have waged a vicious media campaign of lies and slanders to discredit the workers The colonial administration wants to weaken or destroy the UTIER in order to be able more strongly to combat the drive of other public employees for unionization

In the face of vicious provocations and the refusal of the WRA to

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tiate in good faith, as well as a systematic attack against UTIER and other labor leaders in the country, UTIER has been forced to resort to sabotage – cutting wires and poles, dismantling and blowing up towers The UTIER has broad sympathy among the entire Puerto Rican proletariat

Socialist Construction

ALBANIA – The General Council of the Albanian Women's Union addressed an appeal to all the women of the country on the occasion of March 8, International Working Women's Day The Council called on the Albanian women to turn 1978 into a year of mobilization and unprecedented revolutionary drive for fresh victories

The women of Albania look forward to this historic day as free, happy and active builders and unconquerable fighters for the political and social emancipation of all working people, all the women of the world

The Albanian women celebrate this year the 35th anniversary of the founding of the Albanian Women's Union and its 8th Congress

The women of Albania, under the leadership of the Party of Labor of Albania, are characterized by their dignity, high revolutionary spirit, determination, and patriotism, as women who are distinguished at work and life

The victories achieved in all fields of socialist construction, the joy of life they feel, make these women proud and optimistic on the road to revolution The women of Albania celebrate March 8 in unbreakable unity and close ranks around the PLA, manifesting their solidarity and feeling of proletarian internationalism with all the progressive women and peoples of the world

KAMPUCHEA – Local industries are being developed in Kampuchea in support of national construction A phosphate fertilizer plant built in Mongkol Borei after liberation now has a daily output of 13 to 15 tons of fertilizer Workers at brick and tile factories in three districts have worked day and night to turn out building materials for houses, schools, hospitals, and water

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